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JCNS exclusive

by Air Vice-Marshal R.I. Jones

It is a paradox of the ceasefire that the need for reconnaissance in the area concerned should be perhaps even greater than in all-out war. Normally, the more peaceful the intentions of the people involved, the less the need for military intelligence, however obtained. It is symptomatic of the Israelis' valid mistrust, both of their opponents and of an artificial situation, that they have to stress so strongly the surveillance of the ceasefire lines.

The means of checking movements and dispositions from the air are now most highly developed. Conventional cameras can be used with long-focus and wide-angle lenses to give cover at all heights and great distances -- in good visibility.

The greater the range required, the higher the camera has to be taken. To any one side, about 100 miles can be seen from an altitude of 50,000 feet, and aircraft flying at half that height could cover the specific ceasefire area to a depth of 32 miles, even allowing for the further six miles which, according to the agreement, the aircraft should fly inside their own borders.

The ordinary visual camera is limited only by light and atmospheric conditions, so it can be used effectively by day in the normal good weather of the Suez area.

Almost as effective by night and irrespective of cloud and weather is the infrared camera, which produces pictures by measuring differences in heat sources. A vehicle using both conventional and infra-red cameras can therefore be guaranteed to produce pictures of a wide target area in any one sortie.

In addition to cameras, radar sending out signals from its carrier can also present a continuous black and white picture of a selected band of ground, the width of which can be altered to suit the target area. The narrower the band concerned, the better the definition.

Whatever the equipment used, pictures can be enlarged to give details down to a few square feet, and simultaneous pictures from different equipment help to give even greater definition; the effect of shadows can be completely eliminated by a color processing technique. Thus it is simple to pick out a gun position even though it may have been photographed in the shadow of a hangar. Tracks on the ground or missile sites which need digging and trenching, are also shown up clearly.

Photographic equipment entails a weight penalty, and the amount carried will depend on the primary purpose of the air vehicle. A pure interceptor fighter will carry no ground reconnaissance cameras at all, a fighter-bomber probably forward and sideways facing cameras only, while larger aircraft and those specifically designed for reconnaissance will carry a comprehensive set of conventional, infra-red and radar cameras, as well as sensors. The photographs produced by the Israeli Air Force last week may well have been taken by normal cameras fitted as standard, but the Phantom can also be fitted with special reconnaissance pods instead of offensive armament.

Photographs apart, radar sensors can be used from aircraft to pick up signals sent out by search radar or test emissions from missiles on the ground.

A satellite can carry all the equipment mentioned and, operating as it does much further from the ground, it gives a wider cover than an aircraft. A reconnaissance satellite is normally sent in an elliptical orbit with its nearest point to the earth planned to cover the target area; in practice, this is some 50 miles or 265,000 feet up. The orbit has to be minutely planned, and the launching of a satellite is a complex and expensive process; it cannot be turned on like a tap.

It is most unlikely that, with the sudden onset of the ceasefire, the Americans had any satellite covering the Middle East; their satellites over Russia and China would miss the area. Even U2 aircraft did not take off for eight to ten hours after the ceasefire, and they could not have brought back photographs, however good, for a few hours more. The Americans could justifiably say that they had no "conclusive" evidence of missile moves on the night of the ceasefire. The plain fact was that they almost certainly had no observation of the terrain at that time.

Time is an important factor, because, to be useful, information has to be prompt and regular. Even so, and however obtained, photographs have to be assessed, interpreted, and disseminated, a process which can run into many hours. The satellite has a distinct advantage over the aircraft in regularity, because one should theoretically, pass over the target every 90 minutes, whereas to get this cover continuously, many aircraft would be needed. And frequent surveillance is essential to trace and record movements on the ground in the detail required to observe the terms of the ceasefire.

In a satellite, space and height are even more at a premium than in aircraft. Only limited reproductive material can therefore be carried, and even this tends to be used wastefully, because the cameras, which work continuously, take many unnecessary pictures. By now, it is virtually certain that the Americans have at least one, and perhaps more satellites in orbit covering the Middle East. The cost and effort involved are a measure of their determination to press through their peace initiative.

The U2 aircraft is also being used by the Americans, operating probably from a Nato base or possibly from a carrier. It is designed specifically for reconnaissance, with long, thin, glider-like wings which enable it to fly at 70,000 feet which is above the range of normal anti-aircraft fire. As long ago as 1962, the American pilot called Gary Powers was shot down in a U2 over Russia by a SAM-2 missile, but even then, at 63,000 feet, he was lower than he should have been.

The U2 is still a comprehensively fitted and effective reconnaissance aircraft, and it can survey the ceasefire area from well inside Israel and well out of range of the Russian SAM-2s based in Egypt, close as they are to the Suez Canal. Thus, however much the Egyptians may complain, with U2s (flown by permission of the Israelis) and satellites, the Americans should now have a foolproof source of all the information they need in order to monitor conclusively military and other movements in the ceasefire area.

Commentary

BY M. J. NURENBERGER

From Balaam to El Fatah

"How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel."

The report from the Middle East by the delegation of the United Church of Canada, (judged from a statement at a press conference last week by moderator Dr. Robert McClure and two articles published in the Globe and Mail by the Rev. N. Bruce McLeod), brings back to my mind the famous biblical story of Balaam. We all remember: Balaam, the Mesopotamian prophet, was engaged by Balak, the enemy of Israel, as a kind of public relations director who would verbally attack the Hebrew people and curse them. Yet something happened and this priest, instead of cursing Israel, blessed it. And to this day one of the most beautiful morning prayers in our religious tradition is Ma Tovu, Balaam's blessing of Israel.

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What happened to Balaam? He was hired by Balak. He accepted the assignment before he had understood that he could not "curse Jacob and defy Israel". But then he realized, "how shall I curse whom God hath not cursed", and he also understood that the nation of Israel "is a people dwelling apart" and "not recognized among the nations".

Then Balaam understood: when a clergyman looks upon Israel he must remember, "I have received commandment to bless; . . .for he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it". Thus Balaam could not "behold iniquity in Jacob", whom "God brought out of Egypt".

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Perhaps if some members of the United Church delegation had read the story of Balaam before they undertook the pilgrimage into the Holy Land, (the borders of which are clearly defined in the Bible), they might have analyzed more carefully the propaganda outpour of the El Fatah Balak. They might have refused to repeat Neo-Balakism, very sophisticated, readymade for North American consumption. They could have paused a moment to think about such nonsense as a "non-sectarian" Palestine versus a "sectarian" Jewish state. They might even have refused to repeat the subtle denunciation made of Zionism in Moscow as opposed to Jews. For what is Zionism if not this almost miraculous repetition of Jewish return into the Land of Promise after 2,000 years?

We, simple people, may be permitted to be cynical about biblical parallels when discussing the geopolitics of our time. Yet the pious clergymen, who behold this new miracle, should at some point ask themselves: What happened in the last fifty years? Could Zionism be dispensed with so lightly as those elegant El Fatah propagandists did it in Jordan?

Zionism has remained one of the most idealistic liberation movements in history. In fact, Zionism is responsible for the first anticolonialist uprising in the Middle East. There never was a "Palestine" other than Jewish Palestine, in the minds of man and in the annals of history.

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A propos Balaam:

The Sages of Old tell us that while there never rose in Israel a prophet like Moses, there was a non-Jewish prophet as great as he: "And this is Balaam". Perhaps the reason for it is that when Balaam was invited by the El Fatah to curse and help exterminate Israel, he had refused to become an instrument of a political underworld group, "freedom fighters" who kill innocent children. Instead he wrote the most beautiful verses about Israel. Could Balaam have said about these terrorists that "there shall come a star out of (Yassir Arafat) and a Sceptre shall rise out of (El Fatah)"?

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From the Biblical to the contemporary:

There is one part of the report that the United Church delegation has not brought back from Jordan: that the Arab terrorists camps are graduating assassins for Quebec. We all read the reports by Canadian reporters in our newspapers. Thus the mission has not been accomplished. Would it be too shocking to tell some members of the United Church that these "Palestinian freedom fighters" are educating "freedom fighters" for bombing people and institutions in Montreal?

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I said all this not in order to criticize the members of the delegation but to suggest that once and for all the leaders of the Church that we respect should perceive not only the Middle East reality and the true nature of the El Fatah movement but also, beyond, the vision of Israel. And if they must present El Fatah and the terrorists to us, why not at the same time repeat Yassir Arafat's statement made only a few days ago:

"A grave error has been committed in 1948 -- that of putting away the guns". Holding the gun directed against innocents -- because they cannot reach the army of Israel -- is the role of these terrorists.

JERUSALEM POST BLASTS ABBA EBAN

Tel Aviv, (JCNS). - In an editorial, surprising because it appeared in a newspaper which generally follows a pro-Government line, the Jerusalem Post strongly criticized the Foreign Minister, Mr. Abba Eban, for what it called his easy and excessive optimism and said Israeli foreign policy could not be described as creative or successful.

For three years past, the newspaper said, Mr. Eban had assured all comers that the US had never pressed Israel to withdraw from the ceasefire lines without a proper peace agreement, and he might well declare that they were not pressing now.

"It has become a question of whether withholding military supplies constitutes pressure and whether it is enough that a peace agreement shall satisfy the State Department, or whether it must also satisfy us that it is genuine and reliable.

"If we feel let down by America, the Americans may feel their stand has been misrepresented, ultimately because of an unwillingness to give the public a full and fair estimate of the situation, rather than the most favorable one that can be construed. This has surely been a disservice to all concerned."

Secret talks continue

U.S.-RUSSIA DEAL

Cabinet, Meir support Dayan against diktat

by the CJN diplomatic editor

Are the Israel-Arab talks off? -- By no means, says a State Department Source. There are problems, but the negotiations continue, secretly.

The difference of opinion as to the possibility of continuing the Middle East ceasefire, dividing Washington from Jerusalem, reportedly stems from a secret agreement entered into by Moscow and Washington.

According to diplomatic sources at the United Nations, Moscow is convinced that Israel would evacuate *all* territories conquered in the Six Day War prior to a peace agreement between Arabs and Israelis. And, allegedly, Washington accepted to "induce" Israel to accept it.

The reported rift in the Israeli cabinet between Moshe Dayan and Abba Eban seems to be healed. Dayan and Opposition Leader Menahem Begin are convinced that Washington has committed itself to pressure Israel into returning "almost all" occupied territories *before* Egypt and Jordan sign a peace agreement.

Jerusalem sources deny any profound divergence of opinion between Premier Golda Meir and Moshe Dayan. According to these sources Israel has informed Washington that -- no matter what its commitment to Moscow may be -- the Jewish state will not jeopardize its security and become a commodity to be traded between the United States and Russia in superpower negotiations.

Israel, sources close to its government say, will not budge one inch from its present positions unless the Arab states agree to peace and security "within recognized borders".

Prime Minister Meir is admitting the differences between the U.S. position and the Israeli stand. Allegedly she told Washington that no agreement between Russia and America is binding or is tying the hands of Israel and her freedom of action.

The Israeli cabinet has accepted the demand of Moshe Dayan that the U.S. be held responsible for making ineffective the new missiles brought forth by Russians and Egyptians to the Suez Canal after the beginning of the ceasefire.

Also, Golda Meir declared this week Israel will not admit into her territory "the refugees", because what is demanded of her is to welcome a trained invasion army.

Relatives of Jews massacred by the Arabs in Hebron in 1929 attending memorial prayers at the Jewish cemetery in that West Bank town.

LONDON CABBIES IN DEFENSE MOVE

London, (JCNS). - An attempting is being made by a new group of Jewish people in Britain, to "awaken the Jewish community from its apathy" towards Jews in the world.

This group has called itself the International Jewish Defense League and has circulated its aims to all the major Jewish organizations and to the Jewish press.

But how it is to achieve these aims remains secret. The group is led by three men, two of them London Jewish taxi drivers. The taximen are Mr. J. M. Phillips and Mr. L. Feller, and the third man, described as the organizer is Mr. R. Nash.

In their letter to Jewish organizations, the League states "We respectfully wish to remind you of the continued persecution of our fellow Jews within the Soviet bloc, and also other incidents which you must be aware of.

"We wish to introduce ourselves, not as a passive group, but as an active and sincere body of dignified Jews. Knowing what the Jewish communities are like, we feel the only way to communicate is through the direct media of your office". Later, the letters adds: "...we feel the problems' facing our people throughout the world need solidarity within the Jewish communities. After all, where will this kind of persecution stop. So we ask for all the co-operation we can get in a just and dignified fight". The League states it is non-political and non-fund-raising. "We wish to wear our heritage with pride and keep our fellow Jews free from fear". According to Mr. Phillips and Mr. Feller, the League does not have members, but its supporters number more than 100 people in all walks of life and of "many nationalities."

ISRAEL HOLDS TRUMP CARD

London, (JCNS). - Israel had the power to spark off a major conflict in the Middle East by fighting for her survival, even against Russia. This was her trump card, said Dr. M. Michaelis, of the Hebrew University Jerusalem, this week.

He was addressing a meeting of the British Aliyah Movement's Aliyah Club at the Wix Hall, Great Portland Street here on "The Powers and the Middle East". Another speaker, on "The current situation in the Middle East" was Professor Harold Fisch, Rector of Bar-Ilan University.

Dr. Michaelis, who stressed the fact that the Israelis were determined to stand up and fight for survival -- even against the Russians, said that if Israel kept this trump card, she had some sort of future.

He explained that if an all-out war began in the Middle East because of Israel's determination to survive, he doubted whether the present Russian intervention there would be strong enough to secure a Russian victory. But at the same time, America could not regard such a situation as being merely a local squabble. It would be regarded as a major attack on America and her prestige.

Dr. Michaelis said that unless the local conflict was resolved in some way it would be impossible to keep out the big powers. Eventually the big powers would disappear from the scene but in the meantime Israel was in an uncomfortable position.

Dr. Michaelis warned that the Russians had originally used Zionism as a start to their political campaign towards domination of the Middle East. At first they had supported Israel for the purpose of ousting Britain from the area. Today, Russian support of the Arabs was no more sincere than the support given to the Zionists. The Russians were not interested in the quarrel between the Arabs and Israel. They were interested only in grabbing the whole area by exploiting local conflict. They were supporting the Arabs only while they were useful to them. When this was no longer the position, the Russians would not hesitate to change their attitude.

Professor Fisch attacked the Palestinian Arabs for "masquerading" as the Palestinian Liberation Movement. The Jews, he said, were Palestinians some time before the Arabs were. The Jews continued to be Palestinians up to the time of the Arab occupation. There had never been a time that Jews had not lived in Palestine.

GIRL MUST JOIN ARMY

Jerusalem, (JCNS). - Israel's Supreme Court has refused to grant exemption from military service on religious grounds to a Bnei Brak girl who, claiming she was Orthodox, was unaware of the blessings to be recited over bread, who believed it was permissible to ride on Rosh Hashana and who did not know about the counting of the Omer.

All Israeli girls are liable to 20 months' compulsory military service at the age of 18 but, unlike men, are allowed to claim exemption if they are observant. Any girl who marries is automatically discharged. About half the girls liable for service secure exemption.

In this case, Dalia Hakak appeared before a recruitment board and was asked how she expressed her religious observance. She told the board that, on getting up in the morning, once washed one's hands and recited the appropriate blessing. She then gave the other replies quoted above.

RED ARMS FOR IRAQ

Istanbul, (JCNS). - Turkey's Foreign Ministry has ordered an investigation into reports that Russian war material has been sent to Iraq through Turkish territory. The reports alleged that the equipment was carried in Soviet military lorries sold to Iraq.

Some Turkish newspapers have recently published pictures of Soviet lorries being driven along eastern Turkish roads on their way to Iraq.

There are also reports that some Western countries have asked the Turkish Government for details. Officials have said that Soviet lorries have passed through Turkish roads, but there was no information about the allegations that they were transporting arms or war material.

Last year there was an angry reaction from Nato after the Turkish Government allowed Russian military aircraft sold to Iraq, Syria and Sudan to fly over Turkish territory.

The Government, which is a Nato member, replied that it was exercising its rights of sovereignty in the matter.

ANTI-WITHDRAWAL APPEAL

Tel Aviv, (JCNS). - Israeli parliamentarians belonging to five parties, including the Israel Labor Party, are among the signatories of an "anti-withdrawal" appeal issued by a non-party committee headed by Dr. Haim Yahil, the chairman of the Broadcasting Authority.

The committee includes three former Gahal Ministers -- Menahem Begin; Ezer Weizman and Haim Landau -- as well as a former head of Israel's security services, Isser Harel, and several members of the National Religious Party, among them Rabbi Moshe Neriya.

No Liberal ex-Minister has agreed to join the group, which calls on the public to counteract what is regarded as the dangers involved in the US peace initiative by joining a political campaign against any withdrawal by Israel from the occupied territories. This, the committee says, "would not bring security, but Israel's destruction, no peace but its contrary, and endanger our very national existence".

TO ADDRESS TORONTO LEADERS.-His Excellency Ephraim Evron, Israeli Ambassador to Canada. (Story page 2)

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TORONTO ISRAEL BOND DELEGATION AT HISTORIC ASHDOD CEREMONIES

In this photo, left to right, Ambassador Evron, Mrs. Norman W. Shaul, Mrs. Evron, Dr. Norman W. Shaul, and Albert I. Lipton.

Shown here, during Knesset Reception are, left to right: Mrs. Harry Frank, Wolfe Lebovic, Mrs. Samuel J. Zacks, Mrs. Ben Himel, Ben Himel, Jack Buckman, Mrs. Ephraim Evron, His Excellency Ephraim Evron, Israel's Ambassador to Canada; Mrs. Morris Zweig, Mrs. Hank Greenberg, Hank Greenberg, Harry Frank, Mrs. Sylvia Shawn, Daniel Zultek.

An impressive delegation of Toronto Israel Bond leaders was among 500 Jewish leaders from North America and other parts of the free world who participated in the ceremonies on Sunday, August 23rd which marked the laying of the corner-stone for a new oil refinery at Ashdod, Israel. These ceremonies marked the final phase of the historic conference which commemorated the 20th anniversary of the Israel Bond Organization, and which has funneled more than $1.5 billion into Israel's Development Budget for the development of her economy during the past two decades.

Finance Minister Pinchas Sapir announced that the new refinery, with a capacity of 3 million tons per year, will cost $40 million, a major portion of which will come from the sale of Israel Bonds.

Mrs. Samuel J. Zacks, Chairman of the Women's Division, State of Israel Bonds of Toronto, was one of the four signers of the dedication scroll.

ISRAEL'S FIRST PRIME MINISTER LAUDED TWO DECADES OF BOND ACHIEVEMENT

David Ben-Gurion was principal speaker at the opening session of the Jerusalem Conference on August 14th. During the course of the 10-day conference, delegates were addressed by Prime Minister Golda Meir, Finance Minister Sapir, Foreign Minister Abba Eban, Shimon Peres, Minister without Portfolio, who administers the Arab areas within the ceasefire lines; Moshe Kol, Minister of Tourism, Yigal Allon, Deputy Prime Minister; Moshe Dayan, Minister of Defense; and other key government leaders. In addition, the Toronto delegation was among those which flew to the Sinai and the Suez Canal where they visited with Israeli soldiers manning the Bar-Lev Line.

They also toured the West Bank, the Valley of Jezreel, Beit She'an and visited the border settlements of Geshser, Ashdot Yaacov, Ma'oz Chaim and Kfar Ruppin. Children in the settlements continue to sleep in shelters despite the ceasefire.

Women members of the Conference visited Tel Hashomer Hospital to talk to wounded soldiers.

"Israel's economy is very closely bound up with her capacity to maintain a strong defense posture", Minister Shimon Peres said. He emphasized that at a time of extraordinary expenditures at a rate of $5 million a day for defense, and $1 million a day for immigration, financial support from the Jews of the rest of the world is crucial. "There is no future for Israel without the Jewish people abroad," he declared, "and there can be no future for the Jewish people without Israel."

In this connection, he stressed the fact that Israel Bonds were the most important single factor to make Israel truly independent.

Members of the Toronto delegation were: Dr. Norman Shaul; Harry Frank; Nathan Arback; Jack Buckman; Ben A. Himel; Mrs. Morris Zweig; Mrs. Samuel J. Zacks; Mrs. Sylvia Shawn; Hank Greenberg; Wolfe Lebovic; Daniel Zultek; Dr. Sol Goldstein; and Albert I. Lipton, Executive Director, State of Israel Bonds of Toronto.

PINHAS SAPIR AT WOLFE DINNER

Rarely has the visit of a leading Israel cabinet minister sparked such special interest among community leaders as has the Toronto visit of His Excellency Pinhas Sapir, Finance Minister of Israel on Thursday evening, September 17th when he will be the guest of honor at a Dinner-Reception at the home of Ray D. Wolfe. His Excellency Ephraim Evron, Israel's Ambassador to Canada will join Mr. Sapir at the September 17th major event, to take part in the informal discussions with Toronto leaders on the critical need for doubling the flow of investment Israel Bond dollars from this community, along the guidelines just laid down by Prime Minister Golda Meir.

The Dinner at Mr. Wolfe's home will for the host and a number of the invited guests be an opportunity to continue discussions held in Israel last week with Minister Sapir and Ambassador Evron, during the 20th Anniversary Israel Bond Conference, which was attended by an impressive Toronto delegation.

Mr. Sapir will come to Toronto directly from Ottawa where he will be conferring with Canadian government trade officials. Mr. Ray Wolfe was one of the key Jewish leaders who played a significant role in the recent pace-setting Canada-Israel commercial deal involving a $15 million thermal nuclear station to be built in Ashdod. The agreement signed on July 15th constitutes the first of several large projects in process of negotiation with the Canadian government and Canadian manufacturers, involving Israel.

HOSTS RECEPTION FOR BOND EVENT.-Harry Shelson, President of the Pride of Israel Sick Benefit Society will be host at his home, 55 Covewood, on Tuesday evening, September 15th, for the second Cocktail Reception prior to the Pride of Israel special Dinner when Ben Smith will receive the "Jerusalem" Award for 1970 presented by State of Israel Bonds. Dr. Norman W. Shaul, newly-returned from attendance as a delegate at the historic 20th Anniversary Israel Bonds Conference in Jerusalem, will be the guest speaker.

Others who will participate at the Pride of Israel Dinner on September 21st: Harry Grossman, Chairman, Pride of Israel Synagogue; Michael Ganz, Dinner Chairman, and Dave Rosen, Dinner Co-Chairman.

BEN WINBAUM AWARD RECIPIENT AT FOOD DIVISION DINNER FOR ISRAEL BONDS.-A precedent was set last year, when members of Toronto's Food Industry and related interests formed the Food Division, State of Israel Bonds for the purpose of identifying themselves with community efforts to raise increased investment funds for Israel through Israel Bonds. "A vastly-expanded effort will be launched by this Division in 1970, in line with the greatly increased needs of Israel at this very critical time," stated Walter Bick, host at the "Tribute Committee" meeting held on Wednesday, August 26th. Ben Winbaum, prominent in the Food and Restaurant industry in Toronto, and a dedicated supporter of the Israel Bond Campaign, will be the recipient of the "Tower of David" Award by State of Israel Bonds on the occasion of the Food Industry Dinner, on Tuesday evening, November 3rd, as the highlight of the industry's 1970 Israel Bond effort.

Shown here, at the Tribute Committee Formation meeting are: Left to right, (standing) Joe Lyons, Ben Winbaum, and Walter Bick, host of the luncheon. Left to right (seated) Max Zuchter, Syd Greenwald, Sam Fireman, Irving Ungerman, Louis Soupcoff, Syd Rabinovitch, David Goldberg, Shelley Drebin, Oscar Shainhouse, Louis Spencer, Q.C., Nathan Gold. Others who will serve on the Tribute Committee honoring Ben Winbaum include Ed Mirvish, Arieh Ben David, Mickey Firestone, Hank Greenberg, Harry Guest, and others to be announced shortly.

PHILIP GOLDMANN

JACK GWARTZ

PHARMACEUTICAL PROFESSION FOR BONDS.-"Members of the Pharmaceutical Division, State of Israel Bonds of Toronto, will play a major role in the 1970 campaign to raise maximum loan funds for Israel, in line with the greatly expanded participation of all professional groups within the community", stated Philip W. Goldman, chairman of this Division within the Israel Bond structure. Highlight of the 1970 Campaign for the Division will be a Special Dinner Sunday evening, November 8th, at Temple Sinai, when Wilfred Isaacson, will receive an award from the State of Israel.

Jack Gwartz, will serve as co-chairman of the special dinner with Philip W. Goldman. On Thursday evening, September 10th, the first planning meeting will take place at the Primrose Club, at which time the Dinner Tribute Committee will be formed.

JCNS EXCLUSIVE

BY EDWIN SAMUEL

TARGET FOR ASSASSINATION

On my return from the United States in 1932, I resumed my post as deputy to the district commissioner in Jerusalem: but I soon escaped to Nazareth. A new grade of British district commissioners and the district officers, nearly all of whom were by now Palestinian.

Galilee was the largest division in Palestine and the most beautiful. For an administrator, it had a special advantage: it was a long way from Jerusalem.

By far the most important role of the British ADC was to maintain law and order. That was why the new grade had been created, now that nearly all the posts of district officer had been "Palestinized". Hence I maintained constant contact with the British police officers in my area.

It was not easy to get Jews to join the police. The pay was low; the work arduous. Jewish policemen (outside Tel Aviv) had to warn an "Arab" headdress (actually, the Circassian kalpak. They served largely under Arab officers and NCO's, which they disliked. Being a policeman in Eastern Europe had never been a "Jewish" occupation: it meant reporting other Jews to hostile authorities.

I worked hard for six months. . .travelling all over the division to guess where the trouble spots were likely to be. In October, 1933, there were Arab demonstrations in Jaffa to protest against the rising tide of Jewish immigration. British police with steel helmets and shields intervened and several Arabs were killed.

Excited Arab motor-drivers leaving Jaffa spread exaggerated reports of the numbers of Arabs killed by Jews. The next day, there were Arab demonstrations in Jersualem; the day after in Haifa and Nablus. I sat in Nazareth holding my breath.

I was particularly worried about Beisan, where the district officer was weak. There was a violent Arab nationalist lawyer in Beisan who could be counted on to whip up the crowds to march on the neighboring Jewish settlements, no matter what the district officer might do. So I asked for RAF armoured cars to go down to Beisan at dawn the next day: they arrived just as the crowd was beginning to move. But, at this show of force, it dispersed without the need for a shot to be fired.

Galilee was the only area in the whole country where, on this occasion, there were no deaths. This was just as well: being Jewish, I was closely watched by everyone to see how I would handle racial riots. If there had been an appreciable death-roll, I would have been removed from my independent post and returned to some head office as a "number two".

But now came a more serious threat, from a totally unexpected direction. Yaakov Bergmann, the Jewish District Commissioner, rang me up to say he had something to tell me which he did not like to say over the telephone. I asked him to come down and see me. He then told me that a Jewish newspaper vendor in Safad, a Revisionist, to whom apparently I had once done some favour (I could not remember what, where or when) had dropped a hint to Bergmann: "Tell Mr. Samuel to watch his step!"

I had learned enough in fourteen years' service never to disregard a hint, especially if it was one that Bergmann also took seriously. But it was first essential to find out what this warning implied.

MI5 then had an office in Jerusalem headed by a man masquerading as an RAF squadron leader. So I motored down through Nablus to Jerusalem and told him the story: he said he would put some of his agents on to the job.

A week or so later he phoned me to come to Jerusalem: there, he gave me somewhat disturbing news. A group of Jewish right-wing terrorists had been formed, calling themselves HaBiryonim (after a Jewish terrorist group during the Roman occupation, nineteen centuries earlier). They had decided to liquidate prominent Jews suspected of being insufficiently nationalist or anti-Arab.

At the top of the list were three names -- Dr. Chaim Arlosorov, a well-educated and highly intelligent man, then head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, who had been trying to make contact with Arab leaders; Dr. Judah Magnes, Chancellor of the Hebrew University, who had been outspoken in promulgating his plan for a bi-national State; and myself, presumably only because of my earlier participation in the society Brit Shalom.

This was the first time I had known of any personal threat, beyond that which every civil servant, every Englishman and every Jew in Palestine expected to meet, in general. I went to see Arlosorov and Magnes, both personal friends of mine, and told them what I had heard. Magnes refused to take any steps whatever to protect his own life (he was a pacifist by conviction). But he lived in an Arab quarter and I suspect that some of his Arab friends arranged for a discreet cordon to be thrown round his house. Arlosorov did not believe the whole story: his answer: "No Jew would kill me".

On return to Galilee, I took elaborate evasive action, believing that it is the first duty of a civil servant to keep alive. I did not consider that any arrangements made by the Palestine Police would be efficient. Besides, if they had to detail a whole squad of men to protect me, I should become such a burden that I would again be in danger of removal by the Government from my post. So I hired a Jewish bodyguard at my own expense -- a Hagana man from Binyamina. Having read over the years quite a number of reports on court cases involving assassination, I realized that, to keep alive, one had no option but to follow vigorously the following rules:

Never go anywhere regularly (e.g. to one's office or house) by the same route or at the same time each day; never sleep two nights running in the same place; and never telephone one's movements.

I followed these rules, at considerable inconvenience, for about six weeks. By that time, the Biryonim presumably came to the conclusion that I was too elusive.

On June 17, 1933, Arlosorov was shot dead while walking with his wife on Tel Aviv beach after dark. Two men were charged with the murder but they were acquitted.

The Revisionist Party has always maintained that Arlosorov was killed by Arabs. As he was head of the Jewish Agency's political department, such an attack is conceivable. But no evidence of any Arab plot was ever revealed.

As soon as Arlosorov was murdered and some of the Biryonim suspects were arrested, MI5 notified me that the heat was off as far as I was concerned. So I discontinued my own precautions, and went back to normal life. But not before some of my well-meaning friends in Jerusalem who knew what was happening had tried to persuade the High Commissioner to withdraw me for my own safety. That, again, would have been fatal to my future career.

MONTREAL NOTES

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

One of the weddings of the year in Montreal will take place this coming Tuesday, September 8, at the Chevra Kadisha Synagogue when Ronald Dean will marry the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Frankel.

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Back to school

JEWISH EDUCATION

The vacation period is over, our children are returning to the classroom. We, the Jewish community, are reminded that again we have to rededicate ourselves to providing the young with Jewish education, with the knowledge of our past so that they may be able to carry on.

We all know that transmitting to the young the heritage of Sinai is the paramount task of every individual Jew and of the organized community as well.

Jewish education, especially in our Day Schools, has become the most important factor in preserving Judaism and in securing the very existence of our people. Not every parent realizes it; nor is every parent in a position to provide such education for his children. Therefore in this crucial period of Jewish history, the organized community should consider the obligation to transform all Day Schools into Jewish public schools, open to all, and not only to those who can afford them. This generation of ours is faced by two historic tasks: to defend the existence of Israel, the state, and to secure the future of Historic Israel, the people, through education.

Deutschland or Hatikva?

Copenhagen, (JCNS). - Members of the Israeli swimming team were shocked at the end of the competition with Denmark here last week to hear "Deutschland uber Alles", the German national anthem instead of "Hatikva" when the national anthems of the two competing nations were to have been played.

The leaders of the Israeli team stood as if paralysed and the members looked embarrassed and angry as not a few notes but all the German anthem was played. Some of the young Israeli swimmers attempted an awkward smile.

It happened because the young person in charge of the gramaphone placed the needle on the German instead of the Israeli national anthem just beside it on the LP record.

When the German anthem sounded, no one knew what to do to avoid giving offence. The result was that it was not interrupted.

The night before, antisemitic slogans were painted on the walls of the swimming baths and they could not be removed with strong acid.

Kennedy tried to aid Soviet Jewry

JCNS EXCLUSIVE by *RICHARD YAFFE—New York*

The late President John F. Kennedy tried to ease the plight of Soviet Jewry, but his efforts were cut short by his untimely death in 1963. This is revealed for the first time in a book called "Three Million More?" by Gunther Lawrence, published here.

Mr Kennedy went so far as to arrange a meeting between the Soviet Ambassador to the United States, Mr Anatoly Dobrynin, Senators Abraham Ribicoff and Jacob Javits, and Mr Arthur J. Goldberg in the autumn of 1963.

The three Americans had raised the matter with President Kennedy, and were surprised at his "comprehensive knowledge" of the subject. In their presence, he called over his leading expert on Soviet matters, Mr Llewellyn Thompson and told him what the three men had said.

Mr. Thompson said that perhaps a group of American businessmen, who were about to go to the Soviet Union on an exchange visit, might raise the issue with Russian officials. This was in line with a suggestion made a few days earlier by the then Secretary of State, Mr Dean Rusk, who thought that a delegation of leading Jews from all over the world should go to Moscow to discuss the question with Soviet officials.

Mr Goldberg and the two Senators Ribicoff and Javits rejected these suggestions and proposed instead that Mr Kennedy should arrange a meeting between them and Mr Dobrynin.

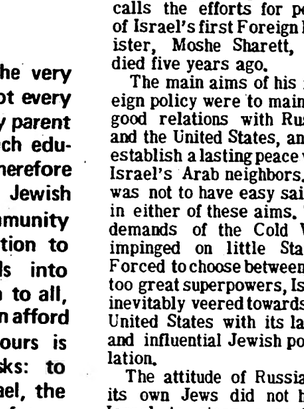
Embassy meeting

This was done, and the three met the Soviet Ambassador at his Embassy in Washington on October 29, 1963. Mr Dobrynin was given to understand by Mr Thompson that President Kennedy had a personal interest in the matter.

The whole question of Soviet Jewry was discussed at the meeting, and the Soviet Ambassador maintained throughout that there was no discrimination against the Jews in his country in any field and "violently" rejected the idea that Jews were being singled out in the trials for so-called economic offences being conducted in Russia at the time.

The two Senators and Mr Goldberg then suggested that the conversation could with profit be continued with the then Soviet Premier, Mr Nikita Khruschev, in Moscow. Mr Dobrynin said he would send his account of the meeting to Moscow, and Mr Khruschev would then decide for himself whether to enter the conversations. Nothing further happened.

Mr Lawrence writes in his book that Mr Kennedy was specifically concerned about those Soviet Jews who wished to rejoin relatives in other countries, from whom they had become separated during the Second World War.



President Kennedy

Counsel quoted

According to the former White House counsel, Mr Meyer Feldman, quoted in the book, President Kennedy agreed to take up the question of divided families with the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Andrei Gromyko, during a meeting in 1963.

Mr Feldman told Mr Lawrence that the President had asked him to prepare a document summarising the grievances of the Soviet Jews.

However, an incident on the Berlin autobahn at the time changed the emphasis of the meeting into a major discussion of East-West relations, leaving no time for the presentation of the document Mr Feldman had prepared. Mr Kennedy nevertheless raised the matter of the reunion of Jewish families and the greater question of the situation of Soviet Jews. Mr Gromyko told him that the Soviet Union could not respond to this publicly but that it would be looked into "sympathetically."

On November 19, 1963, Mr Goldberg and Senator Javits reported to the Presidents' Conference, the organisation of 21 heads of major Jewish American organisations, on their efforts and Mr Kennedy's involvement. But, three days later, Mr Kennedy was dead from an assassin's bullets.

"Three Million More?" documents the plight of Soviet Jewry and provides a brief history of Russian antisemitism from the earliest days until the present time.

Mr Lawrence is a public relations consultant for the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Liberal), among others, and accompanied members of that organisation on an extended tour of the Soviet Union.

Arabs share doubts on peace talks

JCNS EXCLUSIVE
by *ATALLAH MANSOUR*
Jerusalem

Events since the announcement of the American peace initiative have vitiated the first wave of optimism about the prospects of resolving the Arab-Israel conflict. Arabs and Jews in Israel seem to be at one in having strong doubts about a successful outcome to the talks in New York, though for totally different reasons.

An Arab chemist in East Jerusalem told me: "This is an imposed peace, but I am in favour of it. However, I am afraid that there will be a blood bath in Amman before real peace comes, because the Iraqis will exploit the fedayeen in their efforts to achieve leadership of the Arab world. The fedayeen can be a hindrance to King Hussein, and thousands of people are likely to be killed before there is peace. This is hardly an inviting prospect."

Not pleased

An Arab lawyer from Ramallah said that no Arab could be pleased with the US proposals. After 20 years of suffering, the Arabs were being asked to return to the *status quo* of 1948, which they had opposed for 20 years, and then to modify it in Israel's favour.

A Nablus doctor's comments were terse to the point of abruptness: "If the Palestinians agree to a settlement with a Jewish State of Israel, they will become the first people in history to sell their birthright for a mess of pottage."

A final word from the Mayor of Hebron, Sheikh Mohammed Ali Jabari: "We shall not allow the Palestinian question to be settled in our absence." He and many other Arabs in the occupied territories, particularly the West Bank, hope that President Nasser will succeed in converting the terrorist leaders to this viewpoint.

NIXON TO ISRAEL: Sit down, don't be afraid!
Hatzofé, Tel Aviv

THE MAN WHO WANTED PEACE

by Jacob Gewirtz

The flicker of hope that after 22 years of war and threats of war Israel and her neighbors may finally come to the negotiating table recalls the efforts for peace of Israel's first Foreign Minister, Moshe Sharett, who died five years ago.

The main aims of his foreign policy were to maintain good relations with Russia and the United States, and to establish a lasting peace with Israel's Arab neighbors. He was not to have easy sailing in either of these aims. The demands of the Cold War impinged on little States. Forced to choose between the too great superpowers, Israel inevitably veered towards the United States with its large and influential Jewish population.

The attitude of Russia to its own Jews did not help Israel to steer a neutral course. There were signs too that the Russians were moving closer to the Arabs.

The outbreak of the war in Korea in 1950 was a turning point in Israel's foreign policy. In 1948, Israel had called on the United Nations to help her to repel Arab aggression. The UN had been impotent. Korea too faced aggression and now the UN were once again being called upon by the victim to act. Both on the moral issue and on the practical consideration that she was still a possible target for renewed aggression Israel supported the West against the Communist bloc. Perhaps if the UN peacemaking force became a reality, the world might become a safer place for small countries.

On the other hand, Israel risked antognizing the USA by joining the handful of non-Communist States in favor of bringing China back into the family of nations.

Towards the Arabs, Sharett held out the olive branch of peace. He expressed a willingness to compensate the refugees for their lost lands in Israel, and he offered free passage to Egypt and Jordan across the Negev corridor and free port facilities at Haifa. As a precondition to any negotiations the Arabs demanded the return of the refugees to Israel and Israeli withdrawal to the partition boundaries that the Arabs had violated in 1947.

Faced with the realization that the Arabs did not want peace, Sharett set out to win friends outside the area. Aid and arms were forthcoming from the USA. In reply to a Mapam member of the Knesset in 1950 Sharett implied that overtures had been made to the Russians and been rejected.

In 1952, Israel signed her first arms agreement with the USA and was from then on dependent on the West. But with foreign policy under the direction of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, the USA was not a reliable supplier. In his attempt to forge a Middle East defensive tier against Russia, Dulles lined up Turkey and Iraq and would have welcomed Egypt but he never invited Israel to join. It was the beginning of what Sharett was to refer to as quantitative diplomacy, to choose one's friends on the basis of numbers, an accusation he had first leveled against the Russians.

The USA began to arm Iraq while withholding arms to Israel in order to pressure her into territorial concessions to appease the Arabs.

In November 1953, after a prolonged Cabinet crisis Ben-Gurion announced his impending retirement. He would spend three months at Sde Boker and in the meantime Sharett would be acting Prime Minister. Skillfully using his powers as a negotiator Sharett brought the semblance of order once again within the Cabinet and Ben-Gurion true to his word retired. But always there was Ben-Gurion waiting in the wings, and pouring out articles for the press on how things should be done. And still holding on to the reins of leadership of Mapai, the dominant party in the coalition.

At Sde Boker Ben-Gurion much like de Gaulle at Colombey les-deux-Eglises continued to hold court as a procession of dignitaries came to pay homage or to seek the advice of the great man. No one in Israel seriously doubted that in a real emergency Ben-Gurion would return. At best Sharett was considered a caretaker, at worst a figurehead looking to the Negev for sustenance and guidance. The first step in Ben-Gurion's return was his replacement of Lavon in the first round of what was to be known as the "Lavon affair".

When the emergency did come in the shape of stepped up Arab terrorist attacks and a British promise to vacate the Canal Zone without securing Egyptian agreement to permit the passage of Israeli ships, Ben-Gurion came back as nonchalantly as he had left. Sharett returned to his post as Foreign Minister without a murmur of protest or dissent. Within the year he was to be ousted from the cabinet altogether to be replaced by Golda Meir.

More than any single issue the Lavon affair split the two lifelong friends, irreparably asunder. It was later to lead to open recriminations and ugly words between them.

The public and press image of Sharett was that of a coldly methodical unflappable public servant respected by all, loved by few, outside his small circle of family and friends. But what was the real Sharett like?

Within his diplomatic exterior Sharett was a man of great personal warmth and charm. He was the ideal husband, the perfect father. There had never been the breath of scandal about Sharett's personal life.

He was a gifted linguist. In addition to Hebrew he spoke Arabic, Turkish, Russian, English, Yiddish, German and French fluently. He came from a musical family and played the flute and violin as a boy. He could read a musical score with ease and when called upon could conduct a choir.

He had a photographic memory and filed every important fact in some compartment of his brain to be used when the occasion arose. Like Ben-Gurion he remembered every quarrel he ever had but Sharett could forgive as well.

Because he employed logic and facts rather than rhetoric and passion he was not a great orator but he was an extraordinary accomplished speaker. He could speak lucidly and with perfect diction on any number of subjects, a faculty often mistaken for pomposity and conceit. The same kind of people who dislike Eban found Sharett objectionable.

With all this ability, however, Sharett lacked those qualities which make for a successful politician. Levi Eshkol, a man of more limited ability, could stand up against Ben-Gurion but Sharett could not and for several reasons.

For one thing Sharett was in government to serve rather than to rule. He never sought public office, he never pursued power. He devoted every minute of his life to the job at hand so that even if he were so inclined he would not have had the time to build up a party following.

Like most Israelis Sharett came to believe that Ben-Gurion had a proprietary right to the office of Prime Minister. In addition, his strong moral sense led him to reason that as Ben-Gurion had relinquished the office of Prime Minister voluntarily he was entitled to return to it when he saw fit.

He knew too that to oppose Ben-Gurion would be to invite an open split in the Party -- as was to occur later when Ben-Gurion left Mapai to form Rafi.

Although more than any man he was responsible for Israel's successful political struggle for international recognition, history will rate him below Ben-Gurion, and rightly. For Israel did not arise or survive by virtue of diplomacy or UN resolutions. It came into being with fire and the sword and the obstinate will of a people to survive against all odds. Had Israel, like Hungary in 1956 or Czechoslovakia in 1968, relied on the world to come to its rescue it would never have survived infancy. No one more than Ben-Gurion typified the brazen determination to win and to conquer. In its darkest hour Israel needed a man of Biblical vision and faith in the future, it needed a David not a Solomon.

ASK THE RABBI

a JCNS featurette

Q. What does the traditional Jewish law say about the worker's right to strike?

A. First, a few of the Talmudic statements on the treatment of employees. The prohibition against keeping back the wages of a worker (Leviticus 19, 13; Deuteronomy 24 14-15) was explained by the rabbis: "Why does this workman ascend the highest scaffolding and risk his life if you do not pay him his wages as soon as they are due?" (Sifre, Deuteronomy 279). Rab's famous ruling (qualified, to be sure, in certain respects in the Talmudic discussion) is very revealing: "A laborer may withdraw his labor even in the middle of the day" (Baba Metzia 10a and 77a). The reason given is that Scripture says: "For unto Me the children of Israel are servants; they are My servants" (Leviticus 25,55) -- but not servants of servants.

It was assumed that an unspecified contract between employer and employee was governed by the custom of the place in which it was made, e.g., as to the hours of work. In such cases even if the employer paid higher wages than was usual the workers could argue that this was for their greater skill and did not imply that they were to work for longer hours (Baba Metzie 83a). The people of each locality were entitled to fix democratically such matters as prices and wages (Baba Patra 8b). The Tosefta (Baba Metzia 11,12) states that bakers of a place are permitted to "make a regia." According to some commentators the word regia is from a root meaning "to rest" and the statement means that the bakers can call a strike. If this interpretation is correct it is the only direct reference in the rabbinic sources to a strike.

But there can be no doubt, in view of the above and the general Jewish regard for justice and freedom, that in the conditions which obtain in our society workers have a right to strike.

Q. What is the reason for using spices at the Havdala service at the termination of the Sabbath? What is the reason for the twisted candle?

A. The beautiful reason given in the sources for using spices at the Havdala service is that on the Sabbath every Jew acquires an additional soul. When the Sabbath departs the additional soul departs with it; the purpose of the sweet-smelling spices being to comfort man for his loss by bringing some fragrance into his soul. According to rabbinic law at least two lights, separate but mingled, should be used to thank God for the light He provides. The custom of using a twisted candle is to facilitate the mingling of the two or more lights. Another fine idea which has been read into the ceremony is that all man's five senses should be brought into play in praising God at the beginning of the new week. Thus he speaks the words of the blessings and he hears them, he looks at the light and smells the spices, and he lifts his hand to the light to represent the sense of touch.

KEEP SMILING

MUSIC LOVER

An untutored but wealthy merchant who yearned to be known as a cultured gentleman arrived late at the concert one evening because his wife had taken so long to dress.

The concert already had started when they entered the hall and the husband asked the usher what part of the program was being played.

"They're playing Beethoven's Fifth Symphony," whispered the usher.

"It's all your fault," said the husband to his wife. "If you hadn't taken almost two hours to dress we wouldn't have missed the first four."

GOOD REASON

"Grandpa, I'm really proud of you," said the young lady.

"What's to be proud?" asked the old man.

"I notice that when you sneeze you've learned to put your hand in front of your mouth."

"Of course," explained Grandpa. "How else can I catch my teeth?"

ONLY BY MAMA

Mama, much against her will, was persuaded to visit the zoo so that she might absorb some of the culture of the city. Her daughter steered her to the lion house.

"That small animal," said the daughter, "is a leopard. It belongs to the feline family."

Mama nodded. "Azoi! And the city is taking care of it while the Felines are on vacation?"

WISE GUY

Kimmel went into a hardware store and asked if they sold rat poison.

"Sure!" said the clerk. "Want it wrapped up?"

"No! I'll send the rats down here so you can feed it to them personally."

LETTERS AND OPINIONS

Soviet Jewry should not be forgotten

Dear Editor,

Yitzchok Neger's recent letter decrying public demonstrations on behalf of Soviet Jewry exemplifies all that is worst in the Jewish Galut mentality. Aside from the fact that this letter is appallingly ill-informed and ill-conceived, it is a classic illustration of the "Uncle Jake" complex which has plagued our people throughout a good part of our history. This type of Jew reasons as follows: "Maybe if we are docile and ingratiating and keep our mouths shut, the Big Bad Wolf will be real nice to us and allow us to survive." A lovely hypothesis, Mr. Neger, but one which is hardly borne out by the tragic chronicle of Jewish persecution and destruction in recent times.

Mr. Neger advocates a policy of "quiet diplomacy" as a means of alleviating the plight of the Jews in Russia. He offers no substantial evidence that this is indeed the most effective policy, and his sole attempt to bolster his argument consists of a coarse appeal to the authority of three prominent Orthodox rabbis.

Surely, we are all well aware that precisely this kind of policy, wherein Jewish lives were bought from the Nazis in exchange for money and military equipment, was attempted by Jewish leaders during World War Two. Perhaps several thousand Jews were saved in this way; but it did nothing to prevent the murder of six million others. At the time, most of the Jews in the world -- including, let it be noted, a great many venerable spiritual leaders -- were content to sit still and hope for the best. Had they, instead, poured into the streets in their multitudes and raised political hell, the course of history might have run quite differently for our people. We have already committed the crime of silence once in this century: Those of us who are wise enough to learn from the lessons of history dare not commit it again.

Rabbinical erudition is no guarantee of political wisdom. Speaking personally, as an observant Jew I unequivocally accept the authority of the rabbis in matters of Halacha, but my conscience compels me to challenge the validity of the response to the problem of Soview Jewry on the part of certain rabbis. Besides, for every rabbi who opposes public Soviet Jewry demonstrations, there are many others who support them.

I challenge Mr. Neger's contention that "the recent rally in Ottawa. . .probably has contributed more harm to the cause than good." I quote from Elie Wiesel's The Jews of Silence: (p. 89).

All three (Russian Jews) asked the same questions. Why are the Jews outside so silent? Why aren't they doing something? Don't they know what is happening here? Or don't they want to know? Maybe it's easier not to know, to ignore our suffering and carry on with their daily affairs, to act as if we didn't exist.

I could not answer their questions. Why is the Jewish world so indifferent to the Jews in Russia? I don't know. I know only that this apathy, from an historical point of view, borders on the criminal. Even if we assume that our protests are useless to change Kremlin policy, they do change the spiritual climate for the Jewish population. They bring Soviet Jews the comforting knowledge of a single fact -- that the Jewish people have not forgotten them, that they are not alone.

For the record: It is not true that "most of the organizers of this rally were Orthodox students." In fact, I daresay that many of the people involved in the Action Committee for Soviet Jewry have never even heard of the Skulener Rebbe or Rabbi Teitz.

I reject Mr. Neger's parochial and simplistic notion that the persecution of the Jews in Russia is purely religious in nature. In actuality, there is a complex welter of factors involved -- ideological, political, social, economic and cultural, as well as religious. The underground distribution of Tefillin and Matzos is certainly very important, but in itself, it hardly constitutes an organic or comprehensive solution of the problem.

I take vehement exception to the insinuation that our demonstration was the result of "hasty decisions". If Mr. Neger would take the trouble to get actively involved in the cause of Soviet Jewry, instead of piously pontificating on the sidelines, he would discover that the members of the Action Committee have engaged in many long hours of agonized soul-searching, not to speak of the many weeks of arduous and thankless work involved in the actual preparations for the demonstration.

In the end, Mr. Neger, it comes down to this: What are you doing for our brothers in Russia? I, and all those who were in front of the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa two weeks ago, can state with a clear conscience that we're doing all we can.

Robert Eli Rubinstein
Toronto, Ont.

SERMON FOR THE WEEK

OUR SUPREME COMMANDER

When you go forth to battle . . . (Deuteronomy 20:1-8).

It is said that the students of a famous Yeshiva once ridiculed the draft laws that are cited in the Sidrah Shofetim.

Four categories of men were exempt from serving in the army: those who had just built a home; those who had just planted a vineyard; those who had recently married; and those who were faint-hearted. The students laughed at this.

"What kind of an army would remain after all these exemptions?" they asked. "Suppose the quota were 100,000. About ten per cent of the young people must recently have built new homes, and that would exempt 10,000. It is easy enough to plant a vineyard, and this would eliminate about 20,000 more. Most people marry at an early age, and these exemptions would amount to about 40,000. And who is not afraid and faint-hearted when it comes to war? That would exclude at least 15,000 more.

"The Talmud says that exemptions were allowed not only for those who were faint-hearted because of the dangers of war, but also for those who feared to go into battle because of the sins they had committed. Then who would be left? None but the commander-in-chief with three or four soldiers who, like the Wilner Gaon, the Baal Shem Tov, Hazon Ish, and the Hofetz Hayim, were without sin."

When Reb Hayim Brisker heard these cynical remarks, he reproved them:

"This is not a jest. If we had an army of saints and scholars such as the Baal Shem Tov, Hofetz Hayim Ish and the Wilner Gaon, we could conquer the strongest army in the world." Another Rabbi, overhearing this, added his opinion?

"Even these saints and scholars would not remain in the army because, in view of their humility and modesty, they would not claim that they had never committed a sin. The commander-in-chief alone would be left to fight. But with God as our supreme Commander, we would still be victorious.

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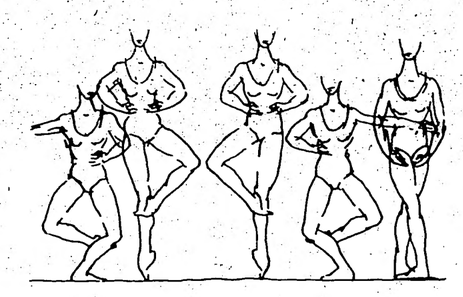

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BOOKS OF THE WEEK

by Dr. Arnold Ages

Mystics as they were

THE WORLD OF THE HASIDISM. By Harry Rabinowicz. Hartmore House. 271 pages.

A few months ago I had occasion to review a book about Hasidism entitled 9-1/2 MYSTICS.

The book, written by Herbert Weiner, a reform rabbi, was a competent exercise but lacked a certain je ne sais quoi.

After reading Dr. Harry Rabinowicz's THE WORLD OF THE HASIDISM, it is now apparent to me what was missing in Weiner's essay -- the zeal of the believer.

Dr. Harry Rabinowicz is the scion of famous Hasidic families from Poland. He is currently the spiritual leader of the Dollis Hill Synagogue in London, England.

His study of Hasidism from its inception to today has a magisterial sweep that comes only from wide research, deep knowledge and sound intuition.

His book is not, however, without faults. They stem not from the author's ideological stance, which is clearly in sympathy with the world of Hasidism, but from an unfortunate lack of judgement in matters of style.

The problem is that Rabinowicz attempts to be so thorough in enumerating Hasidic dynasties and rebbes that the result is often a bewildering concatenation of names, titles and pedigrees.

Regretably, only the person with a phenomenal memory will be able to retain more than a fraction of the individuals and movements which Dr. Rabinowicz has chronicled with such obvious devotion.

Aside from this stylistic weakness THE WORLD OF THE HASIDISM provides the best portrait available today (at least in English) of the Jewish mystical movement which began in the eighteenth century and which eventually held in its sway, great masses of the Jewish people.

Hasidism, however, was not without its detractors within the mainstream of Judaism.

A chapter entitled "The Wrath of Elijah" affords Rabinowicz the opportunity of analyzing in depth the controversy which was engendered by the opposition of the famous Gaon of Vilna.

Although feelings were quite bitter between the Hasidim and their rabbinic opponents, the author provides details of the controversy which indicate the depths of human passion.

The Gaon of Vilna was so violent in his condemnation of the new "revolutionaries" (he believed that the Hasidim were heretics who tried to subvert the halakha through mindless pietism) that he issued a public edict of excommunication, alleging not only that the Hasidim were Hashudim (suspected ones), but that they were to be excluded from all contact with the Jewish community.

This meant, among other things, that Hasidic teachers, rabbis and ritual slaughterers were to be prevented from serving Jewish communities.

At one point Hasidic synagogues were closed. Textbooks and other written materials were placed in public squares and set on fire. (Shades of Nurenberg 1933!)

Till the end of his life the Vilna Gaon refused to recant in so far as his attitudes towards the "pernicious sect" was concerned. Despite efforts to placate the Gaon on the part of the Hasidim (Shneur Zalman of Liady even tried to gain an interview with the Gaon), he died without ever having lifted his ban.

Rabinowicz, of course, goes out of his way to refute the charge that the Hasidim sacrificed Torah learning for ecstatic pietism. To buttress this point, he presents a number of examples of well known Hasidic rebbes who were also noted Torah scholars.

In this context he devotes a section to the founder of the Lubavitcher movement, Shneur Zalman, who was an outstanding childhood prodigy in an age when prodigies were common.

Gifted with a prodigious memory and a keen mind, the progenitor of today's Lubavitcher Hasidim had difficulty at one point in his life in deciding whether he wanted a life of pure rabbinic erudition or one of purposeful prayer.

He eventually chose the latter path without, however, abandoning his studies or Torah learning.

One of the most intriguing portions of Rabinowicz's treatise is an excellent section dealing with Hasidic attitudes towards Eretz Yisrael.

Despite the opposition of certain groups, the love of Zion burned very strongly in the hearts of many Hasidic communities who translated their devotion to the Holy Land by emigrating there long before the emergence of political Zionism.

Today there is a large Hasidic settlement in Israel, in fact, second only in size to the various groups in New York City.

the lively arts

by D. COHN

* The Covenant Communications Corporation, which is based in Geneva, Switzerland, is planning an epic film based on the life of Joseph Trumpeldor, considered the "symbolic" father of Israel's fighting forces. The venture is financed by the Israeli Government, a major film distributor and private bankers. The film may be directed by Israel's David Perlov. The Convenant hopes that the shooting will be done in the actual locations connected with Trumpeldor's life, Galilee, London, Gallipoli, Cairo, but would the Egyptian authorities give permission for a film about an Israeli founding father to be shot in their capital? It could be an indication about how serious they are on the peace proposal. However it must be remembered that the story is less political than can be thought and lingers about human endeavor. One of the actors under consideration for the leading role is Jean-Louis Trintignant.

* 42:6, the semi-documentary on the life of Mr. Ben-Gurion, will be released world-wide in October, when Ben-Gurion celebrates his 84th birthday. The film has been described as the best ever come out of Israel. Another viewer said it was a more important film than "Exodus". Ben-Gurion himself after seeing the film, commented laconically the "it is almost like it was". Length of the film is 105 minutes.

* The UA screen version of "Fiddler on the Roof" is being shot in Zagreb, Yugoslavia with an international cast. Topol plays Tevye, Golda is Norma Crane, the Broadway actress and Yente is played by Molly Picon. Tutte Lemkow is the fiddler and Barry Dennen plays Mendel, the Rabbi's son. To create a maximum of Sholem Aleichem atmosphere, producer-director Norman Jewison, who is not Jewish, visited with several Chasidic Jews in Israel.

* In London, England, the Camden Art Center offers the visitors a collection called "Decade 1920-30", a contribution to English art made by Jewish artists in that period, the young (David Bomberg, Mark Gertler and Bernard Meninsky) and the older artists, names like Sickert, John, Steer and Epstein. From Scotland we learn that the Israeli conductor, Gary Bertini, will be the principal guest conductor with the Scottish National Orchestra in the 1970-71 season.

* Following the modern trend to "follow through" for advertising sake, Hollywood producer-director Otto Preminger has visited Denver, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, Washington, Los Angeles and San Francisco for promotional activities on behalf of his latest work "Tell Me That You Love Me, Junie Moon", starring Liza Minnelli, Ken Howard and Robert Moore. The film is a Paramount production and currently another Paramount release, "Darling Lili" is enjoying a tremendous success in New York. A romantic comedy-adventure with music "Darling Lili" is the story of a music hall performer (Julie Andrews) who is in reality a World War I German spy. The hero of the film is Rock Hudson who portrays a dashing American air ace.

TORONTO AFTER DARK

WRITER'S SHOP

Thursday Sept. 3 and Wednesday Sept. 16 it's writer's workshop, Sept. 3 at the North York Public Library and on the other date at the Scarborough Public Library. Bring your own poetry or other works and read. Douglas Campbell, poet, and NDP leadership candidate will be in attendance at both places.

GREAT ARTISTS

The Greater Artists Series 1970-71 at Massey Hall will bring to Toronto real giants of the music world. On Oct. 17 an all Beethoven program will be highlighted by Daniel Barenboim, pianist. On Nov. 2 soprano Christa Ludwig will give a recital. On Nov. 26 the Virtuosi di Roma, under the direction of Renato Fasano, will be the soloists. On Jan. 10 the Series will bring here the Moscow Chamber Orchestra with Rudolf Rabshai conducting. On Feb. 5 we will applaud pianist Vladimir Ashkenazy and finally, on Feb. 19, violinist Isaac Stern.

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Ginsburg's history of protest

London, (JCNS). - Alexander Ginsburg, the Soviet Jewish writer and poet sentenced to five years' imprisonment in 1968 for anti-Soviet activities and now moved from a labor camp to a top-security prison, has been prominent in the Soviet intellectual protest movement since 1959, the JCNS correspondent on East European Affairs writes.

Ginsburg came to prominence at that time, when he was in his twenties, because he was thought to be the initiator of one of the first underground Soviet protest publications, Syntax.

The anti-Soviet activities for which he was convicted and sentenced in 1968 included the publication and dissemination in the West of a "white book" on the trial of two other writers, Andrei Sinyavsky and Yuli Daniel (also a Jew) in 1966.

From the Potma labor camp, 280 miles southeast of Moscow, where he was serving his sentence, Alexander Ginsburg, together with some fellow-inmates, wrote a letter to a group of Soviet writers, dealing with the plight of political prisoners in the Soviet Union.

The contents of the letter were recorded and broadcast in the United States, and it is because of this that he was transferred from Potma to the Vladimir prison in northern Russia.

Vladimir is the worst prison in the Soviet Union. It is described in "My Testimony", a book by the former political prisoner, Anatoly Marchenko, who was imprisoned there in the mid-1950s.

Conditions at Vladimir have worsened since Marchenko's time. The small food rations distributed to the prisoners result in extreme hunger verging on starvation; 16 hours a day of enforced idleness severely demoralized the prisoners, who have nothing to do from six o'clock in the morning; the inmates of Vladimir prison are herded together in small cells for months on end; and there is constant fear among them of being put on what is known as a "strict regimen", which entails even less food and harsher conditions.

New discovery

Haifa, (JCNS). - Sections of an ancient mosaic floor, believed to have belonged to a synagogue, have been unearthed near the town center of Bet Shean. An Aramaic inscription in Hebrew characters, "dekir letav" (Thanks to the Almighty) and pictures of a rabbit and two partridges, which were part of the apparently large mosaic floor, have also been uncovered.

Experts of the Department of Antiquities believe the find to be of particular importance since it is the first conclusive proof of a Jewish settlement within the walls of ancient Bet Shean during the Roman-Byzantine period. From potsherds found on the floor it is possible to date the discovery between the fourth and the fifth centuries CE. The floor was unearthed while foundations were being dug for a "safety room" for a family to protect it from shelling.

The find might indicate that the Jews had never left Israel completely after the destruction of the Second Temple. This had already emerged from ancient writings, but the new discovery renders greater weight to the assumption.

From a preliminary study it would seem that the floor measured about 20 to 28 yards. The rabbit and partridge mosaic were typical decorations of that period, when Jewish art was influenced by the general trend of mosaic decorations.

TO AID HEBREW UNIVERSITY.-The Rho Pi Phi Ladies Auxiliary Pharmaceutical Association, Rokeah Chapter, is currently engaged in its second major fund-raising project on behalf of the Hebrew University's new School of Pharmacy.

Mrs. Marvin Bernstein and Mrs. Jerry Friedman, Fund-Raising Chairmen (left to right) and Mrs. Ralph Goldsman, President, are shown presenting a cheque to Jack Jacobson, Regional Director, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, as a payment towards the Auxiliary's Endowment for Perpetual Student Aid in the School of Pharmacy.

PARTY PAPERS CLOSE

Tel Aviv, (JCNS). - A third Israeli daily, Lamerhav (the organ of Achdut Avoda and its kibbutz movement, Kibbutz Meuchad) is to follow Hayom (Gahal) and Kol Haam into limbo. Hayom ceased publication, while Kol Haam became a weekly. Lamerhav is to merge with Davar, the Histadrut (Labor Federation) daily.

The merger was suggested by Mrs. Golda Meir, the Prime Minister, and approved last week by the party bureau of the Israel Labor Party, of which Achdut Avoda is a component -- together with Mapai and Rafi.

Leaders of Achdut Avoda favored the continuance of their paper at first, but it has become too heavy a financial burden, and they accepted the merger as an honorable way of freeing the kibbutzim from an obligation they were beginning to find too onerous.

The disappearance of Lamerhav marks a further step in the eventual disappearance of party newspapers and the emergence of a privately owned, commercial press.

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THE SUEZ CANAL

by C. Alpert

Haifa. - The various proposals which are made for peace in the Middle East, whether the long range demands of Russia and the Arabs, or the short term suggestions of other states, at the very outset call for conditions under which Israel's security is menaced. Withdrawal to indefensible lines can not be sweetened by the bait of "peace", if the ultimate peace which the Arabs envision for Israel is that of the grave.

But it is not enough for Israel to reject all proposals. We must come forward with a program of our own, or at least a partial program which will ease tensions even if it does not provide a full solution. We must make an offer which also be attractive to the other side. We are under no illusions as to who "the other side" is at this moment. What we offer must be of interest to Russia. If it is of sufficient interest, Moscow will induce Nasser to accept. Indeed, Russia has no special sense of loyalty to Egypt. She is in this business for her own interests, not because of any altruistic love of the Arabs.

That interest is the Suez Canal. Israel shall therefore propose the immediate clearing and reopening of the Suez Canal!

Russia has emerged as a sea power, and it needs the Suez Canal to afford its fleets freedom of action and manoeuver. It needs the Suez to shorten the waterway from the West to its own Siberian ports in the Far East. The advantages to the USSR are obvious. It is for this that Russia is engaged in the Middle East adventure, but in the light of Israel's intransigence it had appeared that only force could push through the opening. There is little doubt that the emplacement of the new missile bases is intended to provide a protective ceiling under which the Egyptians could amass an invasion force and then try to cross in power. Remember the massing in the Sinai in the spring of 1967? Such an attempt would be doomed to a catastrophic smashing, but the fact that Russia seems willing to risk it indicates the importance to them of opening the Canal.

Israel should offer the opening of the Canal at once, without risk and without loss of face. To the contrary, the step would rescue Egypt's pride. It could point out that Israel had been "compelled" to permit the opening of the Canal. Nasser would be rescued from the devastating and very costly boomerang effect of the war of attrition which he had so proudly and so recklessly proclaimed. Obviously peaceful passage through the Canal must be accompanied by an absolute ceasefire across the waterway.

Our conditions are very simple: the Canal shall be open to all international traffic of all nations, including Egyptian and Israeli. This would be a pill for Egypt to swallow, but the sugar-coating of having made Israel yield, plus Russian pressure, would make the pill go down.

Operation of the Canal shall be in the hands of the United Nations. This would be a gesture toward restoring the authority and dignity of that body. A new, truly neutral and statesmanlike Secretary-General would probably be necessary. Egypt would be entitled to royalties or compensation from the operation, after the initial costs of repair and clearance are covered.

All of Europe would be delighted, and could be counted on to throw its weight in the balance to bring it about. The United States would not be happy except insofar as it would contribute to the lessening of Mid-East tension. However, America should not have any major military reservations in the matter, for in the event of war between the great powers, it would not take any very great aerial action to close the Canal again, perhaps even more decisively. Furthermore, Russian ships leaving from their Black Sea ports must still pass through the Dardanelles before getting into the Mediterranean.

The reopening of the Suez Canal under conditions such as those briefly described here will not end all animosities nor bring about the long-desired peace, but it will ease tension, contribute to a genuine truce on the southern front and provide that breathing spell which is so necessary before we proceed with the next gradual step toward creating better relations between neighbors in the Middle East.

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HUMAN RELATIONS

'Her Husband Is a Thief'

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QUESTION:

My daughter, 24, married out of her faith 6 years ago. We didn't like him at the beginning, but learned to accept him and have been on good terms since.

The past few years we noticed money missing, but said nothing since we couldn't prove it. Once he offered to go and have a prescription filled. When he returned, he claimed he lost $2.

Two weeks ago, I caught him going to my bag. When he heard me coming, he left hastily. My wallet and dollar bills were lying around. I haven't spoken to him since. I cannot bear to look at him. I'm keeping quiet because of my daughter and her two children, 5 and 2.

My husband feels I should forget it and start talking to him again. I feel if I do, he'll resort to the same thing.

My daughter told me he is upset because I'm angry with him. I'm sure she doesn't know her husband is a thief.

The very day he went to my pocketbook, my husband had given my daughter $150 check for their vacation.

ANSWER

Sometimes people look for a flaw in an individual's behavior to rationalize their hostility and lack of acceptance of him. They may, in this quest, see in the person's words or behaviorisms meanings that aren't actually there.

In prying or probing to find something unacceptable in the other, the person, psychologically wards off inquiry about herself, where others might possibly discover things about her which she herself doesn't like.

The way in which you are handling this situation suggests that your basic displeasure is with your daughter, rather than with your son-in-law. You may have gone along with her marriage because you had no other alternative, and felt she was doing her parents a great disservice by putting them in such a position. Marrying out of her faith was the first assault. That she chose someone you felt was her inferior was then seen as a reflection on the job you did as a mother.

If your son-in-law really has kleptomaniacal tendencies, and what you saw was a fact, then neither silence nor resuming communication with him and acting as if it never took place, will solve the problem.

Silence is a form of disapproval which only serves to justify the misbehavior, and is certainly no way to communicate the right message. To start talking to him again, as if nothing had happened, is certainly no solution. Perhaps you are avoiding a face-to-face confrontation because you yourself have some doubts about your conclusions.

If you are absolutely sure that you are right, then you should give him the benefit of correction. It might be best for your husband to handle this matter and discuss with your son-in-law what he did. He should not be accusatory or judgmental, but should tell the young man that this is a psychological problem which fortunately does respond to therapy. After this man-to-man talk, it should be kept to your son-in-law as to how and when he wants to take this matter up with his wife.

If money for therapy is a problem, he could contact the family agency of his religious persuasion for help or for a referral to a guidance clinic. This would communicate to him that his in-laws really care and want to help.

Until he goes for help, and hopefully he will, you and your husband should be careful not to leave wallets or purses lying around. This constitutes a silent invitation to disobey, and practically seduces the person to misbehave.

WHO NAGS?

by Ruthie

"Why are men so ornery," I ask my husband.

"Why are women such nags?" he comes back with.

I become huffy. "Women never nag!"

"Oh, no? Then why do they repeat things a million times?"

"Why? I'll tell you why. Because most men are so thick when it comes to domestic problems, you can't din instructions into their heads often enough".

"You didn't say that before we married. And now all I hear is, I don't help with the dishes, I don't take out the garbage, I don't build shelves, I don't bathe and feed the kids. But I *do* support you".

That doesn't stop me from talking. I ask in a calm, collected manner,

"Now that you've taken *me* apart, explain one thing. Why don't you talk to me as you do to other people? Why do you always jump"?

"And just what does that mean? What's the matter, you don't get what you want, you don't do what you want, I don't take you anyplace you want to go"?

"So, okay. But I've heard you talk to your secretary. When she goofs, do you yell at her? God forbid"!

Then comes the classic, "But her I didn't marry. I can fire her, so why should I yell"?

Is there someone who can figure out a man's mind?

* * *

Seriously, though, things aren't that bad. And I do think wives have the advantage. Certainly hubby is away all day, sees people. But don't forget, he works for a living. If he has a headache or is otherwise indisposed, can he take the time off? It could mean, goodbye job and no money.

We may drudge around the clock. But who tells us when to do our chores. A headache — the dishes will wait; we lie down. A beautiful day — dusting the furniture can wait, the dirt won't run away, we take the afternoon off. The luncheon ends a little later than usual — so there's always something in the freezer.

Girls, our relationship with our spouses can be more than amicable. Let's count our blessings.

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Recipe for the week

CARAMEL CREAM CAKE

1/2 cup butter
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1/2 cup boiling water
1/2 cup sour cream
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 cups flour
1 cup chopped nuts

Preheat oven to 350 (or 325 for a glass pan).

Cream the butter and the two sugars together until light and fluffy.

Place eggs in a deep bowl. Add boiling water and immediately beat with electric mixer or rotary beater until mixture is light and creamy and tripled in bulk.

Using a spoon, mix the egg mixture into the creamed butter and sugar until well blended. Fold in sour cream mixed with soda, then flour and nuts. Turn into greased 9 x 11 inch baking pan and bake 40 to 45 minutes, or until done.

Yield: 8 to 10 servings.

YOUTH CITY

Jerusalem, (JCNS). - More than 3,000 youngsters, including 800 Arabs from East Jerusalem, took part in a ceremony marking the opening of a "Jerusalem Youth Capital" at the Ivy Judah Youth Center here.

Teddy Kollek, the Mayor of Jerusalem, handed over the key to the Center to Eli Wasserman, the Junior Mayor of the Youth Capital.

Wasserman and his deputies, who included Maher Nabulsi, of East Jerusalem, have organized a series of festivities at the Center during the week ending on Saturday.

A Druse pop group, the Syrian Bagpipe from Daliat el-Carmel, and the Hora Nirkoda dance troupe, performed at the Center.

THE LIBERATED WOMEN

by Ruth Jordan

"Do you mind if I pay by cheque?" The woman behind the tea trolley supposed it was all right, and Judge Evenor wrote out a cheque for the monthly bill, adding up all those cups of tea and buns which had been sent up to the office every morning at exactly fifteen minutes past eleven.

It was during morning break, when even judges at Tel Aviv's new Palace of Justice are allowed to put their feet up, that I met Mrs. Hanna Evenor, Justice of the District Court.

She was relaxing behind her desk, having cast off the official black gown, looking severely neat in a black suit and bow tie, with stiff white collar and cuffs. "It is a uniform of our own design," she explained. "A black suit for winter, white shirt and skirt for summer. And the bow tie of course. And the gown slung over. We are very pleased with it."

There are eight women judges in Israel today. Hanna Evenor, mother of three, had studied law in Jerusalem under the British Mandate. Other women colleagues started abroad. The cases they handle are reported in the court columns of the daily press.

The fact that a verdict had been passed by a female judge is hardly ever commented on. In a country which had always considered women as working partners this is hardly surprising. The first pioneers included delicate girls from Russia who went out to break stones in the scorching sun to make roads.

Their female descendants carried on the tradition of shared responsibility, and today there are doctors, scientists, civil servants, politicians, civil aviation pilots. With Mrs. Golda Meir as Prime Minister, nothing seems to stand in the way of women who can combine in their person both talent and ambition.

SOME PREFER LEISURE

With so many women distinguishing themselves on the higher rungs of the ladder, it seems strange that Israel's female labor force is by no means among the highest in the world. The percentage of women workers among the female population has even dwindled from over 30 percent in 1966 to under 29 percent in 1968. Figures issued by the International Labor Office for 1966 show 51 percent in Thailand, 41 percent in USSR, 38 percent in Japan, 34 in Great Britain and 30 in France. This fall is generally throught to be temporary.

But what does worry the Government Employment Department is the trend among some women, encouraged by husbands or boyfriends, to prefer idleness to an employment which is not sufficiently "respectable"; working on the assembly line in a modern air-conditioned electronics factory is apparently not.

Attitudes to work vary enormously according to country of origin and age. Immigrants who arrive in Israel as middle-aged women stick to their traditional outlook. Those from some Arab countries prefer to stay at home and play their part in the family life from the safety of the kitchen. Those from Central Europe are more used to going out to work.

The Israeli-born generation, however, whatever the parentage, is different. Girls are anxious to go out and earn money, and they are much more willing to take advantage of the training opportunities the Employment Department put their way.

Nearly any girl can qualify for six months' training with pay for jobs in developing industires such as textiles, light industry and catering. When they do go out, they find equal pay for equal work. The highest number of working women come from the 18-34 age group. After thirty-five there is a certain thinning out.

Marriage is not considered a hindrance to work. Half the female labor force in Israel is married. But motherhood is a problem, and no ideal formula has yet been found to make it easy for a woman to combine a family with a full-time job. Lower-paid mothers can have their children looked after at nurseries run by women organizations; professional mothers mostly prefer to have someone in. There is a great deal of grumbling of course. It does not help much, but it lets off steam.

A most enviable phenomenon is the apparent lack of male prejudice against female labor, either in industry or in the professions. Not once have I heard in Israel what in England nearly every professional woman says sooner or later -- that to get to the top a woman needs to be twice as good as a man.

What I did hear said was that women just are. Sometimes.

TORONTO WOMENS NEWS

BAYCREST

The opening meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Baycrest Center for Geriatric Care will be held in the Abe Poslums Auditorium on Wednesday, September 23rd, at 1:15 p.m. in the Home. Guest speaker will be Richard B. Jones, president of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

Guest Artist: Evelyn Posen Dorfman, soprano, will render a program including Spanish and Hebrew songs. Tea will be served following the meeting.

PIONEER WOMEN

Mrs. Sydney L. Wax, President of Toronto Council, and Mrs. Chas. Mekler, immediate Past President, now, National Financial Secretary of Pioneer Women's Organization of Canada, are two among seven women chosen to attend an International Leadership Seminar to be held in Israel, September 7th to September 28th.

The seminar is being conducted by Pioneer Women in coordination with its Sister Organization, Moetzet Hapoalot, and the Jewish Agency in Israel.

A special reception will be tendered the Canadian delegation in the recently completed community center built by Canadian Pioneer Women, in Migdal Ha'Emek and Jerusalem.

JUNIOR AGUDAH WOMEN

The Junior N'shei Agudat Israel of Toronto, women's division of the Agudat Israel world organization, are presenting a "Four To Fourteen" fashion promenade on Sunday, Sept. 13th, 3:00 p.m. in The Auditorium, 410 Lawrence Ave., West. The fashion show will include preteen and children's fashions and will be under the direction of fashion coordinator Sally Gordon.

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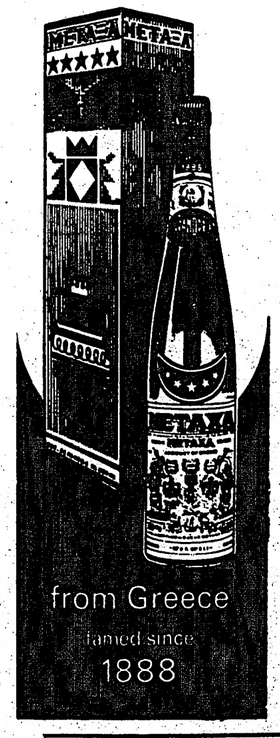

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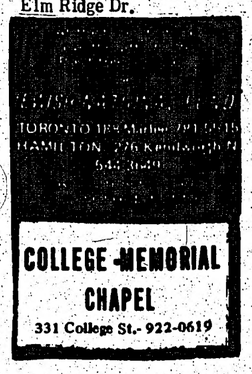

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KNESSET APPROVES $335M ADDITIONAL ARMS BUDGET

Tel Aviv, (JCNS). - With only two dessenting votes (cast by Rakah, the Arab dominated, pro - Moscow New Communist List), the Knesset quickly approved an additional Defense Budget of $335 million.
Mr. Pinhas Sapir, the Finance Minister, warned the House at a special session convened during the summer recess that even if a peace agreement were signed, defense costs would remain high, because vigilance over Israel's security would have to be maintained.
The Knesset's efficiency in this instance has hardly evoked general satisfaction here. An editorial in the independent daily Haaretz, criticized the speed with which the supplementary Defense Budget, exceeding the country's total Budget in earlier years, was approved without question.

"LACK OF CONSIDERATION"

"Mr. Sapir's opening speech reflected a lack of consideration for the House, which was later justified by the Opposition speaker's empty address", the paper stated. "It is not only nostalgia which makes us recall the seriousness with which in the past, the Knesset discussed a ten-figure Budget.
The Sapir slogan was "security" and was enough to obtain approval.
"It was decided to impose on every Israeli, including babies, a $40 tax, plus a $68 loan in the name of every single Israeli. Possibly, this was inevitable, but Monday's Knesset session did not persuade anyone of the necessity for it, or of the correctness of the manner in which the sum in question was obtained."
Last night, representatives of the Government, Histadrut (Labor Federation) and industrialists met and approved a decision to safeguard "the spirit of the package deal", despite the unilateral breach of the deal by the Government, whose new taxes caused a general rise in the prices of practically every consumer commodity.

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AMERICAN DENIES RESPONSIBILITY

London, (JCNS). - An American - Jewish businessman was one of three men arrested at London's Hilton Hotel this week in connection with alleged arms offenses.
He is David Meiterman, of East 65th Street, New York, who was charged at Bow Street together with Fuad Antoun, a Lebanese stamp dealer, of Beirut, and Hassan Hussamy, a Lebanese travel agent, of Mayfair.
All three were remanded in custody for a week. Bail was refused.
They were accused of possessing five sub-machine guns, two Browning automatic pistols, one Cobra revolver and 1,548 rounds of ammunition at the Hilton Hotel. They were also charged with possessing firearms without a certificate.
Meiterman was described by his counsel, Mr. David Sarch, as a "Jewish gentleman" who was very anxious that it should be made clear that he had nothing to do with the matter. He was merely passing along the corridor to his hotel room when the police arrested him, said Mr. Sarch.
It was stated that Meiterman is a prominent member of the American-Jewish community.

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GOLAN HEIGHTS DRUSE CALL FOR ANNEXATION TO ISRAEL

Haifa, (JCNS). - About 75 per cent of all Golan Heights Druse were ready to declare before an international commission that they would opt for annexation to Israel and never return to Syrian rule, Druse leaders said here last week.
Most of the inhabitants, the leaders emphasised, were following the present political developments with interest, and hoped they would be allowed to hold on to what they were able to achieve under the Israelis, whatever the final solution of the conflict.
In fact, the 7,500 Golan Heights Druse were today far better off than ever they were under the Syrians. According to statistical figures just published, their annual income had increased four times since the Six-Day War, in 1967, and the number of cars and lorries owned by villagers grew 20 fold. Every third dwelling house in Majd el-Shams, on the slopes of Mount Hermon, had been built since then.
Druse farmers earned a total $1 million from their crops last year -- more than four times their pre-war income. The five Druse villages on the Heights have been linked to the national electric grid, and running water, non-existent under the Syrians, introduced. About 1,200 Druse are being employed in Israel and their monthly earnings reached more than $90,000.

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IMMIGRANTS FROM NORTH AMERICA

Haifa, (JCNS). - The Greek liner Queen Anna Maria arrived from the US last week with 367 new immigrants from the United States and Canada. Many of the newcomers are teachers, scientists and engineers. It is the largest group of immigrants from the US ever to arrive at one time. All said they were not worried by the security situation in Israel which they considered the only country in which Jews could live a full Jewish life.

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THREE INJURED BY BOMB EXPLOSION

Tel Aviv, (JCNS). - Three people were injured, one seriously, when a bomb exploded inside a car in the seaside resort of Netanya last night. The vehicle was completely destroyed.

NO CHOLERA DANGER

The Canadian Jews received following information from the Israeli Minister of Tourism:
"Your interest and concern brought about by the news stories regarding cholera is understandable.
We, the Israeli Government, are pleased to assure you that the health standards in our country are among the highest in the world."
Professor Michael Davis, Professor in Medical Ecology at the Hebrew University Medical School in Jerusalem and an advisor to the World Health Organization has made the following statement:
"There is no possibility of the spread of cholera in Israel owing to the general high standards of hygiene and water supply. The few cases to date that have been reported have been very mild and were undoubtedly infected on travels outside Israel.
"As evidence of the high medical standards of Israel, I would like to point out that life expectancy in Israel is at birth 70.5 years for men and 73.6 years for women, compared to 66.6 years for men and 73.4 years for women in the United States. The same health standards that give Israelis such long lives also work to protect people against illnesses while travelling in Israel.
"The normal rules of good health should be used when travelling to any foreign country, but in Israel public health is of such high standards, we do not even require vaccination of people coming from the United States and Canada."

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DEVALUATION MAY BOOST TRADE

Istanbul, (JCNS). - Hopes for a boost in Turkish-Israeli trade have risen following the devaluation earlier this month of the Turkish lira and the Turkish Government's other economic measures.
Trade between the two countries has stagnated during the last 18 months mainly because of the long delays in transferring accounts abroad and the high prices of Turkish exports.
During this period it only totalled some $5 million both ways, which was considerably less than in previous years.
Now Turkish prices have become competitive and Turkish importers have been assured that their accounts due to foreign countries will be transferred promptly.
A total of 45 Israeli firms are displaying their goods at the 39th international Izmir fair, which opened last week. Some 40 countries are taking part, including most of the Arab states.

MAIN ATTRACTION

One of the main attractions in the Israeli pavilion is the show of educational aids, including electronic and mechanical equipment, which were successfully displayed recently at the international educational exhibition in Basle, Switzerland.
Egypt and Turkey are reported to have agreed to cooperate in a joint venture to export Turkish goods to Africa. Israel put a similar proposal to Turkey a long time ago. Although Turkish officials and businessmen found the idea interesting, it could not be carried out for political reasons.
A proposed Turkish-Israeli Chamber of Commerce could not be established either. But such chambers were now being established with the Arabs.

Trade between Egypt and Turkey reached a record total of a little more than $6 million last year.

Emigrate to Israel from North America

New York, (JCNS). - The largest number of Canadians and Americans to leave at one time on aliya to Israel -- 430 -- departed on the Greek liner Anna Maria last week. Among them was a group of twenty-one families who will join ten other families already in Israel to form a non-agricultural, cooperative community known as Garin Hamagshimim -- Seed (or Nucleus) of Fulfillers.
There were 108 families numbering 395 people and thirty-five individuals in the aliya group, Colonel Nachum Golan, director of the Israel Aliyah Center in America, said at a reception aboard the ship just before sailing. Among them were seventy-five professionals, twenty-three skilled workers and eight businessmen.
The previous record for an aliya group was set on July 6 when the same ship carried 363 emigrants to Israel. So far in August, Colonel Golan said, more than 1,500 emigrants left the United States and Canada, for Israel all aided by the 13 aliya centers in the two countries.
Colonel Golan recalled that before the Six-Day War, total emigration from the USA and Canada was about 1,500 a year.

NEVE ILAN PROJECT

The Garin Hamagshimim group will go first to an absorption center to learn Hebrew and become acclimatized before settling on a 100-acre site at Neve Ilan in the Judean hills, approximately ten miles north of Jerusalem, where a nursery, community grocery shop, recreation hall, a synagogue and several economic projects to help them become economically independent will be built. A hotel-resort complex is planned along with an electronics factory, a school of emotionally disturbed children and hothouses to grow roses for export.
About 100 families are expected altogether, and each is investing $1,000 in the project. In some cases the Jewish Agency is providing longterm, free of interest loans for travel and shipping expenses. Salaries and other incomes will be pooled.
On September 2, eighty young Americans and Canadians, high-school graduates and university students, left for a year in Israel under the Sherut La'am program.

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